GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7302
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2000
PROMOTION OF SERICULTURE
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the vast scope to promote sericulture in the country, particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether any emphasis plan had been prepared by the Union Government in this regard during the Eighth Plan;

(c) if so, the achievement made in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the funds earmarked for the Ninth Plan Period to promote sericulture in the country, State-wise, particularly for Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) During a period overlapping the period of the VIII Plan from June 1989 to December,1996, Govt. implemented the National Sericulture Project (NSP)with World Bank assistance at a cost of Rs. 508. 21 crores and a local credit assistance of Rs. 194.015 crores. Among other States, this Project also covered Karnataka.

(c) Achievement as reported under NSP was net increase in area under mulberry as follows:-

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Karnataka   26137 ha.
Andhra Pradesh   21615 ha.
Tamil Nadu     809 ha.
West Bengal    5564 ha.
Jammu & Kashmir      3302 ha.
12 Pilot States    2565 ha.
(Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh,
Orissa, Gujarat, Pubjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh)
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Overall per year increase in silk production in the terminal year of the project was

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Karnataka    2947 tonnes
Andhra Pradesh       634 tonnes
Tamil Nadu     365 tonnes
West Bengal     220 tonnes
Jammu & Kashmir             30 tonnes
12 Pilot States         17 tonnes
(Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh,
Orissa, Gujarat, Pubjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh).
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(d) Funds in the IX Plan for Sericulture development are allotted to various schemesof the Central Silk Board without any earmarking for particular States.